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Brown barred from acting badly toward Rihanna

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GM Place support staff vote for strike

NO CONTRACT Canucks fans may soon have to watch hockey at GM Place without beer and food.

Cooks, waiters, bartenders and other food service workers voted 83 per cent in favour of a strike.

Michelle Travis, the spokeswoman representing the workers, said if there is a walkout, hockey games, concerts and the Junos will be targeted.

The contract with Aramark, the company that runs food services at GM Place, expired in December.

"We are the worst paid stadium in the Lower Mainland," claimed Katherine Blaire, an executive suite attendant who said she has only received a $1.97 raise during her 14-year employment.

But that's not the worst of it, she added.

"They treat the people down in concession like cattle, they herd them into the locker rooms," Blaire said. "There's a two-stall bathroom to change 500 women. That's ridiculous."

Other sticking points include medical coverage and job security as the workers want an assurance they will be employed during the Olympics.

VANOC has not yet selected a food service provider.

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/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

BARB NIEMI/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Irlanda Price, centre, and Stacey Mann, right, hold up the Kraft Hockeyville Cup in Terrace after the northern B.C. city was named Hockeyville. The city will host a Vancouver Canucks preseason game this fall.

Welcome to Terrace, Hockeyville Canada

Hard-hit town unites to get title, Canucks game

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A city whose entire population could fit comfortably within GM Place will host a Vancouver Canucks game this fall.

Terrace, a city of about 12,000 people located on the Skeena River between Prince Rupert and Smithers, was named Kraft Hockeyville 2009 during CBC's Hockey Night in Canada Saturday.

Terrace resident Barb Niemi said the celebration afterwards involved the whole town.

"We were all honking our horns like somebody just got married. It was pretty exciting … It was awesome. It went all night long."

Mayor David Pernarowski said he was "thrilled" that the Sept. 14 pre-season game between the Canucks and the New York Islanders will be held at the local Sportsplex, which holds about 1,000 people.

"I'd like to see as many kids as possible take part."

Terrace, which saw 50 houses evacuated due to flooding in 2007, has suffered economically over the past decade with the closure of two mills.

"We've been kicked really bad over the last 10 years," said Coun. Bruce Martindale, one of the coordinators of the city's Hockeyville campaign.

"We've really been hurt … (Hockeyville) is a breath of fresh air and a little bit of hope. We're going to do something with this. I'm hoping it will start opportunities for the whole town."

Likewise, Pernarowski, who called the competition "a fantastic spirit-building event," said he hoped the national exposure would show the rest of the country "what Terrace is all about."

Kraft Hockeyville recognizes the community that "best embodies the spirit of hockey and hometown pride."

The city received almost two million votes in the competition, beating its closest competitor, Humboldt, Sask., by more than 100,000 votes. It is the first time Hockeyville has been awarded to a city west of Ontario.

Hometown connection

- Terrace is the hometown of NHL player Wade Flaherty.
- The goalie was signed by the Vancouver Canucks as a free agent on July 7, 2004 and assigned to the Manitoba Moose at that time.
- Flaherty is now the developmental goaltending coach for the Chicago Blackhawks.

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Riding the Recession

Now through the end of March, Metro will share advice on how to cut down on expenses and navigate your way through the recession.

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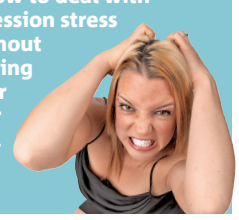

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Celebrate International Women's Day
Vancouver is holding an International Women's Day celebration today at city hall. The event, from 3:30 to 6 p.m., will feature a "remarkable women" exhibition, and will be followed by a reception. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Sephora coming to Vancouver

Having to drive to Seattle to be in makeup heaven will soon be a thing of the past as Sephora is opening three stores in the Vancouver area later this year. Pacific Centre and Coquitlam Centre are getting Sephoras in July and a third location is opening at Metrotown in October.

SOURCE: NEWS1130.COM

Museum reopens its doors

UBC anthropology museum back after six months of renovations

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The University of B.C.'s Museum Of Anthropology reopened its doors yesterday after six months of expansions and upgrades, and has now doubled in size.

On first glance it doesn't seem drastically different, but Jennifer Webb, communications manager with the museum, said a lot of the big changes are behind the scenes.

"We've redone all the systems — lighting security and air conditioning," she said. "We reorganized some objects in the Great Hall and introduced some new interpretations."

The entrance, lobby and gift shop have been updated, and there's a new wing for research, staff and laboratories.

The ceramics gallery, the gold artifacts that were stolen and recovered last year, and Bill Reid's Raven And The First Men sculpture will be on display in May.

"People feel really kind of possessive of this place and are (happy) to come back."

Marie Michaud, a guest at the gallery who works in Vancouver's tourism industry, said the museum is a hot spot for visitors here.

"People come from far away (to visit it)," Michaud said. "It really shows B.C. and our native culture."

Jonathan Tyler, who lives in Vancouver and came to the museum with his family, said it's a great space for locals, too.

"It's always bright and sunny and the pieces are fantastic," Tyler said. "Any display of cultural artifacts like this is very important."

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A visitor walks by totem poles at the reopening of the University of B.C.'s Museum Of Anthropology yesterday.

Cusack dining on some local fare

STARS The stars were bright — and hungry — in Vancouver last week.

John Cusack was spotted in Yaletown dining at Brix Restaurant and Wine Bar with friends. They ordered from Chef Jason Wilson's Pacific Northwest menu.

John Cusack

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Fanning coming to Vancouver

TWILIGHT Dakota Fanning is set to star in New Moon, the sequel to Twilight that starts filming in Vancouver later this month.

Dakota Fanning

People.com confirmed this weekend that the 15-year-old actress will play Jane, an innocent-looking-yet-sinister vampire of the Volturi branch in Italy.

Bloggers had been speculating for months who'd get the role of Jane with some suggesting that Fanning (The Secret Life of Bees, War of the Worlds) will have to colour her hair black for the part.

New Moon is a fantasy-romance novel based on the second book of the Twilight saga by Stephenie Meyer. It tells the story of a teenage girl who falls in love with a vampire.

New Moon is expected to open on Nov. 20.

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Two skiers die in avalanche

SAM SMITH
for Metro Vancouver

GOLDEN An avalanche at a resort in Golden killed two skiers after they ventured into a closed-off area prone to slides.

The deaths occurred just 13 days after a Quebec couple staying at the same resort went missing for nine days and had their SOS signs ignored.

In the latest deaths, the two men from Calgary, aged 41 and 40, set out in a group of four on Saturday and passed through roped-off areas and signs warning visitors of the avalanche risk.

"The people passed over 20 signs," said Jordan Petrovics, manager of media events at the Kicking Horse Resort. "Twenty avalanche permanent closure signs. The message is there."

News in brief

ATTACK A Vancouver man is suing his neighbour after he was allegedly attacked with a pressure washer, cknw.com reports. The man claims the alleged attack left him with limited use of his right hand.

FIRE Some patients were treated for smoke inhalation after a small fire at Abbotsford Regional Hospital, news1130.com reports.

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What's online today.

Comment Guidy Mamann writes on a dying nanny's final plea to Canada's immigration minister at **metronews.ca/immigration**

Video Comrades pay tribute to the latest soldier killed in Afghanistan at **metronews.ca/canada**

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BC 49: 9, 15, 18, 20, 35 & 44 Bonus 42.
Extra: 15, 37, 43, 60.
These results are not official.

Another race cancelled

The 2009 Il Giro di Burnaby cycling race has been cancelled due to a lack of sponsorship money. It's the second cycling event cancelled due to a lack of dollars as the Tour de Gastown earlier announced this year's event has also been put on hold. METRO VANCOUVER

Lego my new airport terminal

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Vancouver's new YVR Airport Station — which will be the terminus for the Canada Line — hasn't been completed in real life, but in Lego life it's up and running.

A replica of the station, along with a model of King Edward Station, are on display at the Telus World Of Science as part of its Wheels, Wings and Waves Lego exhibition — which includes several B.C. elements.

It took more than 50 hours and 4,000 pieces to build King Edward Station, and 100 hours and 7,000 pieces to put together YVR Airport Station.

They include Lego people waiting to board the trains and tiny detailed graphics, including a Jugo Juice outlet.

The two stations, along with a racecar track and spaceship, were added on Saturday to the exhibition, which runs until May 4.

The additions expand upon the existing models — which include the Titanic, a Model T Ford and a B.C. Ferries ship — to showcase the history of air, land and water transportation.

"We knew that as soon as we had space available, we had to expand the gallery to give our visitors more … Lego exhibits that will amaze them," said Rhoda Klein, curator of the exhibition. "(It's) been a huge hit."

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Ren Giesbrecht and his son Dane, 6, check out a Lego replica of the soon-to-be-completed Canada Line YVR airport station at the Telus World Of Science yesterday.

Province moves to go trans-fat free

DOMINIQUE ARMAND
for Metro Vancouver

HEALTH Some Vancouver restaurateurs will have an easier time adjusting to the province's upcoming ban on trans fats as they have already eliminated it from their menus.

Peter Koraneluk, sous chef at the Sandbar on Granville Island, said yesterday that he's been cooking without trans fats for nine months.

The menu won't change, Koraneluk said, but he expects to change the way he advertises his food to mention the restaurant uses healthier alternatives.

On Saturday, Minister of Healthy Living and Sport Mary Polak announced that by Sept. 30 trans fats will be banned in all prepared and served foods in B.C.

"We urge the B.C. government to join the call for national regulations."
Mar von Schellwitz

Trans fats are found in fatty cuts of meat, most fast food and "junk food" items. They're also in full-fat dairy products like cheese, butter and cream, processed foods containing hydrogenated fat and hard margarines. Trans fats have been linked to heart disease and high cholesterol.

The Canadian Restaurant Food Association (CRFA) immediately called the move "flawed."

Mar von Schellwitz, CRFA vice-president for Western Canada, said the regulations will force B.C. restaurant operators to limit trans fat on their menus, but have no control over the supply of trans-fat-free products.

"We urge the B.C. government to join the call for national regulations."

Province upgrades, expands red-light camera program

SAFETY State-of-the-art cameras will soon be installed at 140 of British Columbia's most dangerous intersections to crack down on red-light runners and collisions, the province announced yesterday.

John van Dongen, solicitor general and minister of public safety, said 53,000 people are killed or injured in intersection collisions every year in B.C.

"We are upgrading our technology and targeting more high-crash intersections to catch, penalize and deter more dangerous drivers," he said.

The most recent study of B.C.'s camera program, conducted by ICBC in 2006, found that crashes involving death or injury declined 6.4 per cent at sites with red-light cameras.

The $20-million program will replace B.C.'s 30 current film cameras with 140 digital cameras, which photograph the licence plates of drivers who run red lights. Tickets are then mailed to the drivers.

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Camera rollout

- The new red-light camera technology is being tested at intersections in Burnaby, Port Moody, Surrey and Vancouver.
- The first of the digital cameras are expected to be fully operational sometime this summer.

Roads may close during Olympics

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

TRANSPORTAION Lower Mainland residents will find out this week how they will get around during the 2010 Games with the anticipated release of the Olympic transportation plan.

Street closures and possibly shutting the Sea-to-Sky highway to non-Olympic traffic could all be part of the plan, which will aim to encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transit, which will have increased capacity during the Games.

VANOC has already announced that tickets to Olympic events will include a TransLink pass as there will not be spectator parking at any of the venues. As well, an Olympic Bus Network will transport people to and from Whistler.

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News in brief

CHARGED A Vancouver man appeared in provincial court on kidnapping charges after an abducted man — bloody and bound with duct tape — was spotted running down Westminster Highway. Mark Anthony Bie, 26, was charged Friday in provincial court in Richmond with unlawful confinement stemming from an alleged abduction several days earlier in Burnaby.

RALLY Dozens of people rallied in Vancouver yesterday to raise awareness of the plight of Tibetan women living under Chinese rule. The gathering was timed to coincide with International Women's Day.

CANCELLATION Heavy snow on Burnaby Mountain forced TransLink to cancel buses along that route last evening due to slippery road conditions.

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Arrests made in Canadian's death

Police in Thailand have arrested six people in connection with the death of a Quebec-born property developer on the island of Phuket last month. Francis Alex Degioanni, 34, was shot seven times while sitting in his car outside his house on Feb. 19. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

NDP pushing for EI reform

The federal NDP says it's time the Conservative government made it easier for people to get employment insurance benefits. In a news release, the New Democrats said Statistics Canada numbers show only 43 per cent of unemployed Canadians and only 39 per cent of unemployed women currently qualify for EI under the government's regulations. CBC NEWS ONLINE

News in brief

AFGHANISTAN A Canadian soldier is dead and four are wounded after a roadside bomb blasted their armoured vehicle while the troops were on a patrol northeast of Kandahar City yesterday. Trooper Marc Diab, 22, with the Royal Canadian Dragoons has been identified as the dead soldier.

POLITICS In an effort to revitalize the party, federal Liberals appear on track to shake up the way they pick their leader, moving to a one-member, one-vote selection process that would give individual party members a greater say.

POLITICS Hamilton MPP Andrea Horwath has been elected leader of the Ontario New Democrats. Horwath, 46, became the first woman to lead the party after winning on the third ballot.

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Iggy rebuilding Grits

New Liberal leader purging Dion's policies

They are the acts of a politician turning the page.

The Green Shift carbon tax that was the centrepiece of the Liberals' election platform? Denounced and ditched.

The coalition pact formed with other opposition parties on Parliament Hill with an eye to toppling the minority Conservatives? Dead and buried.

The decision to give Green party Leader Elizabeth May a free ride in the last election? Tossed overboard.

Alberta's oilsands? Not so bad after all.

Like the housecleaning that follows a divorce, Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff has been making a clean break from the troubled era — and policies — of predecessor Stéphane Dion.

> **"I think the party did get badly off track."**
> Steven MacKinnon

But the bad memories weren't carted out the back door in the dead of night.

No. This has been a very public cleansing, meant to send a deliberate signal to Canadians that the Liberals understand that the personality and policy they trumpeted in last fall's election was a bust.

"I think we have to demonstrate that we heard the message that what we had on offer was not acceptable. Message received," said Steven MacKinnon, former executive director of the party.

"I think the party did get badly off track," he bluntly admits.

But now, after a string of body blows that have included bitter leadership battles, the sponsorship scandal and a string of federal elections that have depleted party coffers and stamina, Liberals are taking time to reset their compass and rebuild the party.

There's no lack of motivation in the party ranks, thanks to last fall's election, which saw the Liberals drop to 77 seats with one of its worst showings ever in popular support.

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MP furious over lack of female MPs

HALIFAX Celebrating a record number of women in federal politics makes a Halifax MP furious.

"It just makes my blood boil," said NDP MP Megan Leslie.

Leslie was upset about a fax she received from Helena Guergis, Canada's minister responsible for the status of women, in regards to International Women's Day, which was celebrated around the world yesterday.

Megan Leslie

"The tone is supposed to be celebratory, but I read it and got really angry — 69 women out of over 300 MPs (for Canada)," Leslie said.

JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO CANADA

Minister defends back-to-work decision
French Justice Minister Rachida Dati, 43, has defended her decision to return to work five days after giving birth. The move was chided by women's groups. METRO NEWS SERVICES

World

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Afghan women attend a ceremony to mark International Women's Day in Kabul, yesterday. Women and girls face challenges due to the global economic recession, one expert claims.

Celebrating women

Recession challenges noted on international day

Yesterday, International Women's Day, women celebrated the gains made in achieving equal rights and highlight the widespread wrongs that damage the lives of the 3.3 billion females around the world.

But the issue foremost in women's minds is the global recession, which has hit the most vulnerable half of humanity with exceptional force.

Seventy per cent of the poorest people on the planet are women and girls, and even in a wealthy country like Canada they are the majority of the poor.

Although the global downturn began in the financial sector, dominated by men, it is now bearing down on women, most often found in low-wage and part-time jobs.

The recession has plunged from wealthy to developing countries, where women lack safety nets to help them survive.

"As the economy slows, the disaster in the financial institutions is affecting the real economy," says Sylvia Borren, co-chair of the Global Call to Action Against Poverty, a coalition of groups in 100 countries.

"What happens is the informal sector suffers first — the cleaning women, gardeners and people who do the household jobs. They are mostly women."

As worldwide consumer confidence fades, says the International Labour Organization, traditionally female service jobs in cafes and retail are also disappearing. It predicts that 22 million of an estimated 51 million to lose their jobs this year will be women. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

SHOOTING The pastor of a Maryville, Ill., church was shot to death during a service yesterday in front of horrified parishioners who then tackled the gunman, state police told CNN. Fred Winters, the pastor of the First Baptist Church, was killed during the 8 a.m. service, and the attacker and two parishioners suffered knife wounds in the attack, authorities said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

SUDAN Sudan's President Omar Hassan al-Bashir threatened yesterday to expel diplomats and more aid groups, brandishing a sword at a Darfur rally days after a Hague court issued a warrant for him for war crimes. Sudan has already closed 13 foreign and three local aid groups saying they helped the International Criminal Court (ICC). REUTERS

United States to withdraw 12,000 troops from Iraq

IRAQ WAR The United States will reduce the number of troops in Iraq by around 12,000 in the next six months, the U.S. military said yesterday, a step in U.S. President Barack Obama's plan to end combat operations there in August 2010.

"Two brigade combat teams who were scheduled to redeploy in the next six months, along with enabling forces such as logistics, engineers and intelligence, will not be replaced," the U.S. military said yesterday in a statement.

Reducing the number of U.S. combat brigades in Iraq from 14 to 12 would cut the number of American troops, currently around 140,000, by 12,000, said Major-General David Perkins. Last month, Obama ordered 17,000 extra troops to Afghanistan. REUTERS

Shifting focus

- Six years after the U.S.-led invasion to oust Saddam Hussein, Obama plans to pull all combat troops out of Iraq by Aug. 31, 2010, leaving 35,000 to 50,000 support and training troops as Washington shifts its military focus to Afghanistan.

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Wisdom with a side of rice

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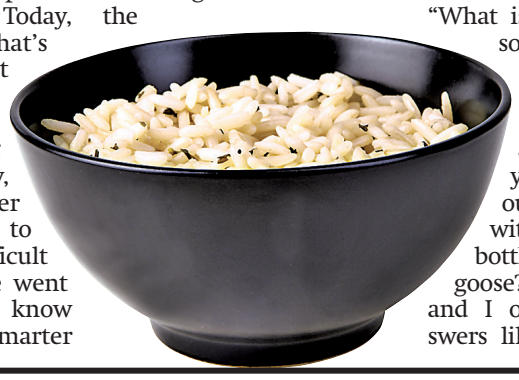
Riding the **Recession**

Note: This column contains complex philosophical concepts and abstruse intellectual thinking. I don't understand it myself.

My past two columns have asked Are You Recession Ready? and explored the all-important topic of Recession Etiquette. Today, we'll consider, "What's the most important part of getting through this recession?" Not resorting to eating shrubbery, for sure. But, after that? The point is to come out of this difficult time wiser than we went in. Bet you didn't know that. See? You're smarter already. What an amazing service I offer.



In university, I took a philosophy course. I quickly became convinced the reason universities teach philosophy is because professors enjoy making students suffer. This shows how little I knew. That's only one of the purposes.

A lesser goal of philosophy is to take basic questions of life that cannot possibly be answered and then attempt to do it anyway. This is supposed to make us wiser. Generally it just made me more confused. However, I suggest that in order to glean wisdom from the recession we attempt a little Recession Philosophy.

One profound life question philosophers attempt to answer is, "Why am I?" Recession Philosophers attempt to answer, "Why am I broke?" Something like that.

The way philosophers answer questions no one can answer is by posing questions no one can understand. And yes, people get paid for doing this.

For example, to answer, "What is life?" one philosophical question my professor posed was, "There is a goose in a bottle. How do you get the goose out of the bottle without breaking the bottle or harming the goose?" My classmates and I offered genius answers like, "Does the Humane Society know about this?" and "Wouldn't it be easier to raise chinchillas?" The correct answer was, "You just do." And again, yes, people get paid for this.

In Recession Philosophy the question would read, "There is a goose in a bottle. How do you serve the goose so that it will feed a family of six with leftovers for lunch?" The answer is, "You just do. Particularly if you've made a large side of rice to go with it."

Here's another profound question, "Why is life painful?" Recession Philosophy tweaks this slightly to, "Why do they keep sending me RRSP statements?" Or, "Why am I paying a fee to lose money?" An answering question might be, "Wouldn't I be better off keeping my savings in a sock under my pillow?" You know philosophy's actually amazing. I feel wiser already.

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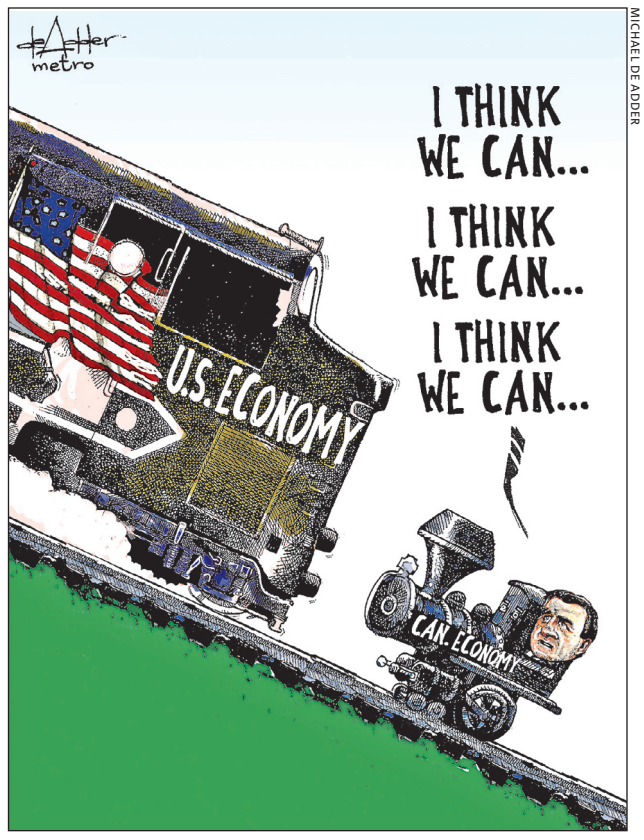

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Views

Car-sharing hugely successful despite wrinkles

InTransit

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I'm happy to vouch for Levine's glowing assessment. But it's not quite as perfect as he would have us believe.

It's tough being in the automobile business these days. Shares of General Motors plunged to a 75-year low Friday — underscoring the financial misery faced by North America's largest carmaker.

Mind you, not all auto-centric industries are hurting. In recent years, car-sharing organizations have been thriving — buoyed by volatile gas prices and denser urban neighbourhoods, not to mention the public's growing focus on the environment.

Car sharing, after all, results in fewer autos on the road and in parking lots. That, in turn, reduces the need for blacktop — so in theory it's good for all of us, especially if communities get more green space in exchange.

Given this region's push toward density and reducing carbon emissions, it's no surprise that Metro Vancouver has been a leader on the car sharing front.

The non-profit Co-operative Auto Network started in 1996 with a few folks sharing the keys to a Pontiac Firefly. Now, the organization lays claim to thousands of members across the Lower Mainland sharing hundreds of cars, trucks and vans.

It's a major success story.

Other organizations have since entered the Vancouver market. In 2007, U.S.-based Zipcar launched its own car-sharing service here. The company now serves more than 50 cities in Canada, the U.S. and the U.K.

Writing for the New York Times this weekend, Mark Levine gushed over the growing legion of automobile sharers, who "drive from a quarter to half as much as owners — a staggering reduction in energy consumption." He notes "they save money, do better by the environment and contribute less to congestion."

As a longtime member of the Co-operative Auto Network, I'm happy to vouch for Levine's glowing assessment. But it's not quite as perfect as he would have us believe.

An organization like this is only as good as its weakest members. Sadly, there are a handful of those — who leave garbage behind in vehicles, fail to report damage, and can't be bothered to put gas in the tank.

Speaking for myself, the club's impressive growth also seems to have diluted its "co-operative" roots. Last month, I was given the bureaucratic brush-off from a call centre manager after I was overcharged $25 by the program's online booking system.

Let's hope these kinds of wrinkles can be ironed out.

Because when it comes to the bigger picture, car sharing is still a winning bet.

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Worth mentioning

Iraqi women still facing daily struggles, study finds

The plight of women in Iraq remains bleak despite a sharp reduction in violence, a study released Saturday found, with a majority of women lacking basic services and security.

"Now that the overall security situation, although still very fragile, begins to stabilize … countless mothers, wives, widows and daughters of Iraq remain caught in the grip of a silent emergency," aid group Oxfam International said.

The study, released ahead of International Women's Day on March 8, centred on the impact of the years of bloodshed unleashed by the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, finding a third of the women surveyed had lost a family member to violence.

While attacks have dropped off sharply in the past year, tens of thousands of Iraqis have died in the sectarian and insurgent fighting since 2003, and millions more have fled their homes for other parts of Iraq — or abandoned Iraq entirely.

In the Oxfam study, 55 per cent of respondents said they had been displaced from their homes since 2003 due to violence or in search of work.

Fading violence in most parts of Iraq has allowed attention to turn to the dismal state of basic services like electricity, health care and education.

A quarter of women surveyed did not have access to drinking water on a daily basis; almost two-thirds said they had less than six hours of electricity per day.

Three-quarters of widows were not receiving their government pension. Forty per cent of mothers said they were not sending their children to school.

The Iraqi government is struggling to accelerate investment in reconstruction and services, but results are slow to appear. Spending on the social safety net will likely become more difficult if oil prices, which account for more than 95 per cent of government revenues, stay low.

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Oil to stay low and steady
World oil prices will likely remain steady this year despite being below their "fair" value, Venezuela's finance minister, who is an ex-president of OPEC, said. REUTERS

Business

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GM, CAW reach deal

Canadian autoworkers will face a wage freeze through 2012, along with shorter vacations and higher contributions to benefit plans under a tentative deal with General Motors Canada, the Canadian Autoworkers Union said yesterday.

The deal, seen as a pattern for pacts with other automakers, aims to unlock billions of dollars in Canadian government funding for General Motors. Unionized workers will vote on the pact tomorrow and Wednesday.

"The alternatives are much worse," CAW president Ken Lewenza told a news conference announcing the agreement, which was reached after round-the-clock negotiations with the company. "We've done what we can do as a union ... Now the Canadian government has got to step up to the plate."

The Canadian units of GM and Chrysler are seeking as much as $10 billion from the Canadian and Ontario governments to help them survive the crisis facing the auto sector. But the payments depend on the companies making savings that will include concessions from their unionized workers.

GM has already proposed a 10 per cent cut in executive salaries, and reduced pay and benefits for salaried employees. REUTERS

Terms

- The deal extends an existing contract by one year until September 2012.
- Wages, cost of living adjustments will be frozen.
- Worker co-payments will be boosted on a range of health-care provisions.

China **Port plummet**

ALY SONG/REUTERS

Security guards stand near containers at a port in Shanghai yesterday. China's port container volume in February fell 17 per cent from a year ago, the Xinhua news agency reported.

No walk in the park for forestry

INDUSTRY Canada's forestry industry, already weakened by softwood lumber trade disputes with the U.S., has been smacked by a weak lumber market as the U.S. housing market collapsed, paper demand declined and pulp prices dropped.

All that has forced companies to rely on cash reserves or recapitalize. Analysts warn the paper sector is trying to weather the recession with newsprint and other products, demand for which is expected to keep falling even when the economy rebounds.

"In a growing industry you can hide things, but in a shrinking industry all of the flaws are exposed," said Kevin Mason of Equity Research Associates. REUTERS

Business in brief

BANKS The U.S. should let some big troubled banks fail rather than commit more federal funds to prop them up, two Republicans said. Senator John McCain argued the administration needs to make "the hard decision and that is to let these banks fail." Senator Richard Shelby added: "We bury the small banks. We've got to bury some big ones and send a strong message to the market." REUTERS

Where did AIG's bailout cash go?

ECONOMY Where, oh where, did AIG's bailout billions go? That question may be answered now that a partial list of beneficiaries has been published.

The Wall Street Journal reported on Friday that about $50 billion US of more than $173 billion that the U.S. government has poured into American International Group Inc. since last fall has been paid to U.S. and foreign financial institutions including: Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Deutsche Bank AG, Merrill Lynch, HSBC, Rabobank, Royal Bank of Scotland, Banco Santander, Morgan Stanley, Wachovia and more. REUTERS

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Your Money

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Buy and hold: Not just a slogan

Conventional wisdom says the buy and hold approach is better than market timing

When you checked your year-end investment statements — assuming you had the courage to do so after last year's events — you may have been surprised to see big losses.

Did you think your investments would be solid enough to withstand a 35 per cent stock market decline?

Did you think your adviser would keep you safe from harm and your capital intact?

Welcome to the real world.

If you go to a bank, brokerage or mutual fund dealer for advice about saving for retirement, you will probably end up with a balanced portfolio.

This means up to half your money will go into fixed-income investments (such as bonds and term deposits) and the rest will go into stocks and equity mutual funds.

Sure, it's painful to see your net worth evaporate and your retirement date retreat into the distance. But this is only a temporary phase. Soon, you'll start making money again.

Your adviser knows that stocks typically go down about one year out of every five.

Still, he or she will encourage you to stick with the same investment mix through good markets and bad.

Sure, it's painful to see your net worth evaporate and your retirement date retreat into the distance.

But this is only a temporary phase. Soon, the stock market will go into hyperdrive and you'll start making money again.

"Buy and hold for the long term" is not just an ad slogan. It's a formula, a mantra, a way of thinking embraced by the mainstream investment industry.

Conventional wisdom says the buy and hold approach is better than market timing — which means selling stocks and holding cash in advance of an expected slump.

Here's the thinking behind this widespread belief.

- The stock market may falter at times, but goes up and stays up in the long run.
- A well-diversified portfolio of stocks and bonds provides greater long-term returns than interest-earning investments.
- Market timing is hard to do, even if you're a professional. The future is unpredictable. Stocks move in mysterious ways.
- Staying invested is better than missing the gains when stocks are rising. Sitting in cash at the wrong time will cost you more than holding a balanced portfolio.

Given the bias against market timing, most mutual fund managers can't liquidate stocks before an expected market correction.

They are required to be fully invested at all times, holding just enough cash to meet investors' requests for redemptions.

This is not known by many investors, who think their fund managers can protect them from a massive market decline.

As for investment advisers, many rely on research by analysts who are reluctant to give "sell" recommendations.

Suppose an adviser believes stocks are heading for collapse and tells clients to get rid of everything.

This can work against the adviser for a number of reasons:

- Clients may face capital gains taxes on investments held for a long time outside a registered portfolio.
- Clients may face deferred sales charges on mutual funds and commissions on the sale of stocks.
- Clients may resent paying fees to sit in cash or money market funds for an extended period.
- Clients may blame the adviser for not getting back into the stock market at the right time and missing gains.

So, there are risks to advisers if they urge clients to sell. They can get into trouble by running up costs or holding cash for too long.

However, they can protect clients while leaving their portfolios intact by using options or exchange-traded funds.

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the other side of the coin

So, what are the alternatives to buy and hold?

You can look for an investment adviser that uses strategies that allow you to make money when stock markets go down.

For example, you can buy "put options" on specific stocks or stock market indexes (such as the TSX/S&P composite index).

You can also buy the "bear plus" exchange-traded funds, which allow making leveraged bets against stock indexes or sectors such as gold, oil, financials or grains.

"A lot of people use our products hoping they lose money," says Howard Atkinson, president of BetaPro Management, which offers 28 bull and bear funds.

"They're long on the market, but they sleep better knowing they don't have the same downside."

Sixty per cent of buyers are institutions, such as mutual fund and hedge fund managers, 25 per cent are investment advisers and 15 per cent are do-it-yourself investors.

Investment advisers who use them tend to be discretionary portfolio managers. They're authorized to trade without consulting clients in advance. This is important because bear plus ETFs must be watched carefully. They're not a buy and hold product.

"Our average hold period is quite short," Atkinson adds. "It's four days." You can also get your investment portfolio analyzed by an independent firm that doesn't sell investments.

Second Opinion Investor Services, based in Toronto, charges about $2,000 to analyze portfolios. It also helps people find an appropriate investment adviser for their needs.

"Buy and hold is a platitude that is outdated," says Mike Macdonald, an investment portfolio consultant with the firm.

"Everything and everybody needs to be monitored regularly because it is often an investor's life savings and future lifestyle that is at risk.

"Buy and hold is like an airplane's autopilot. It works great when everything is going smoothly.

"Then, birds fly into an airplane's engine and the real value of a live pilot is apparent.

"Unfortunately for investors, most advisers were on autopilot and there was no heroic landing."

The buy and hold mantra is a fairly recent development, says Warren MacKenzie, who started Second Opinion. You didn't hear about the wisdom of sticking with stocks during the long bear market that lasted from 1968 until 1982.

"And picture the poor Japanese investor who retired in 1989 when the Nikkei index was at about 40,000," he says.

"After 20 years, this buy and hold investor has seen his portfolio decline by about 75 per cent, before taking inflation into account."

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Brewers cut Gagne loose

The Milwaukee Brewers released Canadian relief pitcher Eric Gagne from his minor league contract on Sunday. The 33-year-old Gagne will now undergo conservative rehab. He had 10 saves in 50 games with the Brewers last year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Beckham pays to stay

David Beckham will stay on loan at AC Milan for the rest of the season before returning to Los Angeles Galaxy, although his long-term future remains unresolved. A Galaxy statement said the deal to keep Beckham in Milan "has been funded jointly by Milan and the player himself." The 33-year-old joined Milan on a two-month loan in January and had been due to return to the Galaxy today. REUTERS

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NHL GMs tackle fighting

Colin Campbell figures it's going to be lively. Other than that, the NHL's justice minister isn't making any predictions.

"I have no idea where this is going to go," he said.

Campbell's uncertainty surrounds the discussion on fighting in hockey and the NHL that is expected to take place starting today at the general managers meetings in southwest Florida.

No one is anticipating there will be a vote on whether fighting should be banished from the league. But a variety of incidents, including the tragic death of Whitby Dunlops defenceman Don Sanderson in a December fight, have forced the NHL to at the very least demonstrate a willingness to evaluate the way in which scraps take place.

Commissioner Gary Bettman has called for a debate on the "rules of engagement," essentially eschewing a debate on fighting itself in favour of a more limited discussion over the way in which NHLers drop the gloves.

That, however, may prove to be just as thorny. The discussion will be kicked off by a presentation today by NHLPA executives Paul Kelly and Glenn Healy that will include relaying the views of their constituents on fighting.

Kelly also said players are not against a thorough examination of fighting or possible new rules.

"For example, they don't object to the notion of a rule that would say you have to keep your helmet on during a fight," said Kelly. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Toronto Maple Leaf Ben Ondrus fights with Edmonton Oiler Jason Strudwick Saturday in Toronto. NHL GMs will discuss fighting at meetings beginning today in Florida.

Canucks look to stay hot in L.A.

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The hottest team on ice invades the Staples Center as the Canucks seek their fourteenth win in sixteen games against a youthful Kings squad. The NHL's youngest team has fallen five points back of the final playoff spot in the west, but LA has posted back-to-back victories on home ice. Vancouver won the only head-to-head matchup this season, when Roberto Luongo blanked the Kings 4-0 in late October.

FIRST GOAL WINS: The Kings have only won five of 32 games in which they've allowed the first goal. Vancouver has scored first 37 times this season.

SHOT STOPPERS: Since LA is seen as an offensive team, this stat may surprise you: The Kings have allowed the fewest shots on goal in the entire NHL with just over 27 against per game.

DO IT FOR MOM: After taking the players' fathers on a short road trip last season, the Canucks have their mothers in tow for this two-game set in sunny California. Vancouver won both games that the dads attended a year ago. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Give Canucks some credit for beating Sharks

ToulBox

Scott Rintoul

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The critics were ready before the puck even dropped on Saturday night. "Nabokov's not playing, and the Sharks have some injuries." "San Jose is a mini-slump; they're not playing their best hockey right now."

Though there may be some validity to those arguments, Vancouver's 3-1 victory came against a club that had defeated the Canucks on seven-straight occasions.

Selachophobia was previously prevalent in the Canucks' dressing room, but Saturday may have helped the team get over its fear of Sharks.

Sure, San Jose didn't look like the team that has dominated for the better part of the season, but the Canucks were a big part of the reason.

Nobody cut the local lads any slack during January's brutal tumble down the standings, so why are the excuses any more legitimate for the teams Vancouver is knocking off on a nightly basis?

The Canucks' 13th win in 15 games does not guarantee this squad anything more than a better chance at booking a playoff spot, but it is confirmation that the Canucks have reason to expect to do more than just qualify.

Alex Burrows and Ryan Kesler look like they belong on the top two lines, the defense is playing up to the lofty level set for it and, most importantly, Roberto Luongo once again resembles a wall to opposing shooters.

All of a sudden, the Flames and Blackhawks appear catchable.

Make no mistake, Vancouver is not yet an upper-echelon team in the West, but evidence is beginning to mount.

It seems unreasonable to think the Canucks could continue this calibre of play over the next eighteen games, but they've given no indication of slowing down any time soon.

Scott Rintoul is a college athlete, sports fan and broadcaster. He can be heard Monday-Friday on the TEAM 1040 from 6-9 a.m. scott.rintoul@team1040.ca.

Brier faves start strong

CURLING The favourites were out in front after last night's late draw at the Tim Hortons Brier at the Calgary Saddledome.

Reigning national and world champion Kevin Martin of Alberta was off to a perfect 3-0 start in his bid for another Canadian men's curling crown, tied with 2007 national and world champion Glen Howard of Ontario. Martin and Howard were the only unbeaten rinks in the 12-team field after five draws.

Martin defeated Saskatchewan's Joel Jordison 10-3, while Howard beat British Columbia's Sean Geall 7-4.

Martin topped New Brunswick's Russ Howard 7-4 in the opening draw on Saturday and then took down Quebec's Jean-Michel Menard 7-5 first thing yesterday morning.

Howard edged 2006 Olympic gold-medallist Brad Gushue of Newfoundland and Labrador 9-8 on Saturday, then beat Northern Ontario's Mike Jakubo 9-2 yesterday afternoon. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports in brief

BASEBALL New York Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez will have surgery on his torn right hip labrum today to enable him to play this season, and will miss up to nine weeks.

NBA The Toronto Raptors lost 109-101 yesterday to the Utah Jazz. The Jazz have won 11 straight, while the Raptors have lost five in a row. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A customer service dynamo

Harry Rosen fashioned his menswear empire on personal relationships

Matters of the Heart

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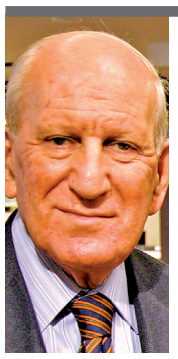
Whether it's for the wedding chapel or the boardroom, the perfect suit is Harry Rosen's specialty.

The 77-year-old Canadian icon has forged a name as one of Canada's most respected and revered men's fashion brands famous for tailored suits of exceptional quality, with 40 per cent of the market share in Toronto and more than 15 stores across Canada — including stores in Ottawa, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Montreal.



"You have to have a good idea, a vision that you can share with people. You've got to have a reason for existing, a reason to attract customers."
Harry Rosen

Born and raised in Toronto, Rosen always had a knack for engaging with people. He got a part-time job at a menswear store in 1952, and — unlike the other salespeople who tried to sell anything to anyone — Rosen made it his mission to have as many customers come back to shop with him personally.

"I realized that building relationships was crucial in this business. Customers came back to me even though I was a part-timer," Rosen said.

Rosen took his sales philosophy to the bank and opened his first shop on Feb. 5, 1954, on Toronto's Bloor Street, where it remains his flagship store to this day. He says he never left the sales floor in those early years and his focus is still, as it was all those years ago, on developing a relationship of trust to garner return customers.

"People always say men hate shopping but once they find someone they trust, they're one-stop shoppers," Rosen said.

While keeping tabs on customers' buying habits and preferences is considered mandatory business practice nowadays, back in the 1950s Rosen's diligence in starting individual files for each customer and updating it regularly was innovative and groundbreaking. The importance of nurturing repeat buyers by providing them with unparalleled service is something Rosen encourages directly in his stores — in fact, he pays his staff on retention of customers, not on commission.

Rosen's advice for budding entrepreneurs is simple: Start with something worth offering and work hard to make it the best thing around.

"You have to have a good idea, a vision that you can share with people. You've got to have a reason for existing, a reason to attract customers," Rosen said.

Knowing your market is crucial too and nothing can be a substitute for experience. In Rosen's case, keeping a high level of service and quality has allowed him to weather multiple recessions by focusing on what he calls "evolution, not revolution" in the menswear market.

"Men really haven't changed all that much since 1952. I can predict how many blue suits I'll be selling to within a couple of percentage point two years from now."

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Harry Rosen is seen here. Instead of getting paid on commission, Rosen's staff are paid on retention of customers, he says.

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Apt career choice for gamer

OddJobs
Diane Peters

Is your teen spending March break hunched over a video game console? You're probably not thrilled. What if all this gaming turns him into a slacker for life?

Take heart: Hardcore gamers can sometimes turn their passion into a career. That's what Ryan Hale, 23, has done.

He's a lead tester for Charlottetown company Sculpin QA. It tests games for its sister company, Other Ocean Interactive and other game makers, which design the products.

"We play games at various levels and critique them," explains Hale. He sometimes plays a game that's ready for market to make sure it has no bugs. Other times, he moves through a game that's in the beta testing phase and hardly has any graphics. Sometimes he just runs through a program to make sure the menus are working.

As well, he checks games to ensure they pass certification requirements of various video game systems.

After he plays, he uploads his comments on an interactive web page. He sometimes plays a game for just a few days. He's been testing one for Wii created by Other Ocean for a year, and he's still testing it now for a future European release.

As a kid in Newfoundland, Hale played games constantly. He started out on an Atari. When his family got a brand-new Pentium computer when he was in his teens, he switched to online gaming and played Quake and Doom with friends.

Once he was finished school and living in Saskatchewan with his family, he took a job as a dishwasher and then a cook. In his spare time he bought computer parts and assembled them for friends. Realizing his tech skills had some value in the market, he found a job as a technical representative for AT&T.

When his family relocated again, this time to P.E.I., he found a job doing tech support for Apple. At that job, he learned about iPhone games.

When he heard about Sculpin QA, which launched a year ago, he went for a job interview. His knowledge of games, the iPhone and his experience doing beta testing for big gaming companies — which is something anyone can do through their websites, but you don't get paid for it — helped him get the job.

Unlike what many people think, he neither gets sick of playing games all day, nor does he sit on his butt and do nothing. But he and his co-workers — 12 testers in total — often run tournaments on their lunch hour and after work, they love gaming so much. "It's a lot of work, we work hard. But it's really fun."

The Lowdown

Job title: Video game tester

Salary: $26,000

Education/training: Experience with games, some technical background and a great personality.

Best Part of the Job: "I love the atmosphere. If you're working with games, you're usually a fun person."

Worst Part of the Job: "I can't really think of anything."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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Spice Girl auction
Singer Melanie Brown is auctioning off memorabilia from her Spice Girls days to raise money for charity. The star has amassed a vast collection of stage costumes from the group and she's putting them all up for sale together with personal items. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

Pop fashion
Madonna has set her sights on conquering the fashion world for a second time — the pop superstar is set to launch a new line with designer Christian Audigier. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Theory behind Watchmen

Graphic novel and movie a treasure trove for philosophers

Superheroes don't just make fun characters for comic books and movies.

Their powers, and how they choose to use them, are philosophical treasure troves, and few are as rich and complicated as the protagonists in Watchmen, which opened in movie theatres around the world over the weekend.

"Watchmen is an embarrassment of riches to the comics-obsessed philosopher," said Mark D. White, editor of the book Watchmen and Philosophy: A Rorschach Test.

The book is one of a series that uses pop culture as an entry point to the sometimes abstract subject of philosophy.

Years in the making, Watchmen is the big-screen adaptation of the acclaimed 12-issue comic book series by Britons Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons published between 1986 and 1987.

Like the books, the movie is set in an alternative 1985 when the United States and the Soviet Union are on the brink of nuclear war. It features costumed vigilantes who have become so unpopular they are now outlawed.

But Watchmen is far from just popcorn entertainment. Its twisted superhero archetypes, like the tortured do-gooder Rorschach and brainy businessman Ozymandias, take time out from performing death-defying acts to muse on subjects like free will, saviour figures and the politics of fear.

The essays by academics in the book Watchmen and Philosophy look at how the character Rorschach justifies his often brutal actions, and tackles subjects like the legitimacy of authority.

"In Watchmen, the philosophy is so explicit that you don't have to dig very hard to find it," said White, an associate professor in the department of political science, economics and philosophy at the College of Staten Island.

The original series took the name from the phrase "Who watches the Watchmen?" which dates back to the 1st century Roman poet Juvenal and has been the subject of philosophical debate for centuries.

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The mother and daughter Silk Spectres provide a window into the feminist thinking of French author Simone de Beauvoir. Another chapter is devoted to German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche's thoughts on the Ubermensch (superman).

Although Watchmen raises more philosophical questions than most, hit TV shows like medical drama House and animated series The Simpsons also contain thought-provoking material for those who believe the unexamined life is not worth living.

"Philosophy has had a public relations problem for a couple of centuries. People mistakenly think that philosophy is some dusty academic subject that is irrelevant," said William Irwin, editor of the Blackwell Philosophy and Pop Culture series.

"The mission is to see what the general public like in pop culture and use it as jumping off point for philosophical discussion," said Irwin, professor of philosophy at Kings College, Pennsylvania.

More than one million books have been published in the Philosophy and Pop Culture series.

White, who has also written on Batman, says superheroes are fascinating territory for moral philosophers like him.

"They have taken on this extraordinary responsibility, but given that you want to save the world, what should you do first? Catch crooks or cure hunger?" White said.

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Weekend box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

1. **Watchmen:** $55.7 million US
2. **Madea Goes to Jail:** $8.8 million
3. **Taken:** $7.5 million
4. **Slumdog Millionaire:** $6.9 million
5. **Paul Blart: Mall Cop:** $4.2 million
6. **He's Just Not That Into You:** $4.2 million
7. **Coraline:** $3.3 million
8. **Confessions of a Shopaholic:** $3.1 million
9. **Jonas Brothers:** $2.8 million
10. **Fired Up:** $2.6 million

REUTERS

More questions than answers about Jackson comeback

Is it a comeback or a swansong? Will he sing or lipsynch? Has he still got the moves?

Michael Jackson's brief appearance on Thursday at London's O2 Arena, where he plans a series of 10 concerts starting on July 8, raised more questions than it provided answers.

The 50-year-old did at least show up, but his announcement was confused, and left reporters wondering whether his first series of gigs in 12 years would actually be his last.

Jackson

"These will be my final shows ... performances in London," Jackson said. "This is the final curtain call."

Randy Phillips, president of AEG Live which signed Jackson for the concerts, had few concrete answers. He did not rule out more concerts elsewhere. "None of us are sure," he told Reuters. "I didn't want to get so far ahead of what he wanted to do.

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Big spender
The economic crisis is hitting everyone, including Lily Allen, who says she's completely broke after spending all her earnings from her first album on clothes and cars, according to WENN. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Comic rockers: Best of both worlds

Musical comedy often a challenge to earn critical and mainstream acclaim

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

If you think it's hard being a singer in a rock band, imagine trying to hit every note and make your audience laugh at the same time. It's a task only musical comedy acts have to face, and it's not as easy as it looks.

"A lot of people do really bad musical comedy," says Sean Cullen, one of Canada's most popular comedy singers and a former member of Corky and the Juice Pigs. "A lot of people tend to pick up a guitar and sing a song; it's often quite terrible."

When it's done right, though, joke bands can win over fans in both the music and comedy worlds. Just look at New Zealand duo Flight of the Conchords, who not only launched the second season of their hilarious TV show on Jan. 18, but won a Grammy for best comedy album last year.

Other acts — Tenacious D, Andy Samberg's The Lonely Island — are making it easier for up and coming artists to connect with audiences, which, says Cullen, are often weary of musical comedy bands.

But, getting to the point where an act can play theatres or packed clubs is no easy task, especially when comedians look down on joke acts, and the music community avoids comedic bands at all costs.

"Standups think musical comedy is a hacky thing to do. They think it's cheating," says Cullen. "And ever since we've started we've had musicians saying they hate joke bands."

"I never get respect from the media or booking agents," adds Hamilton, Ont.-based B.A. Johnston, who tours bars rather than comedy clubs. "CBC Radio 3 wouldn't interview me cause they thought I would swear on air. I thought that was odd."

Winning people over is challenging, not just because these acts have to make their audience laugh, but they have to write good music too. John Catucci, one half of Toronto's The Doo Wops, writes everything from emo to pop and heavy metal. But when it comes down to it "if the song isn't good it just doesn't fit," he says. "A good song and good funny lyrics, they mix into one."

"You have to appeal on a couple levels to be really successful," Johnson adds. "You want it to be funny and people need to personally connect with it. You want it catchy, and so you have to write a good song."

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Sean Cullen, one of Canada's most popular comedy singers

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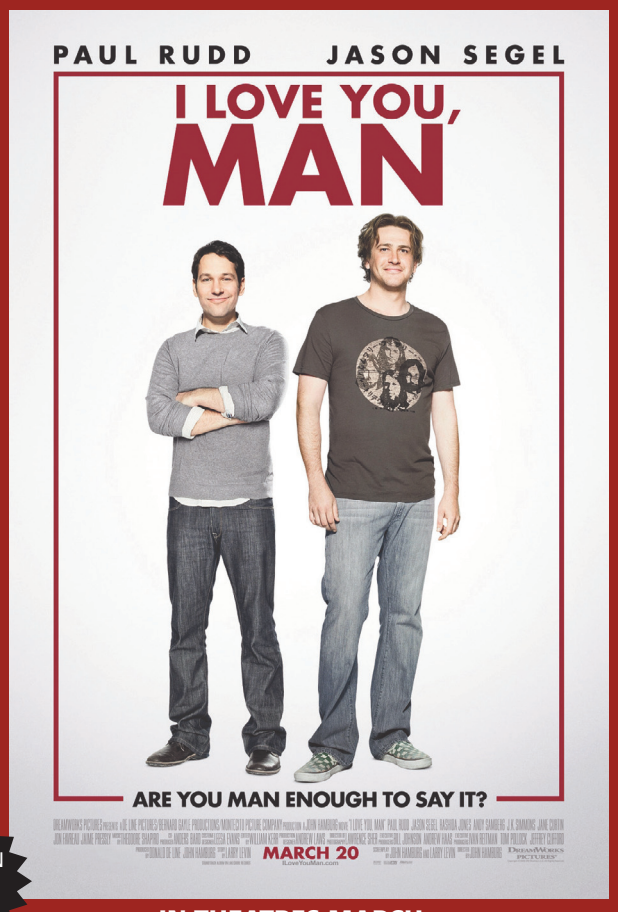

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U2's upcoming tour is destined to become one of the highest-grossing tours ever.

Tour gives U2 fans 360 view

TOUR U2 will kick off its world tour in Barcelona on June 30, and will begin the North American leg at Chicago's Soldier Field on Sept. 12, sources told Billboard.

The official announcement of the U2360 stadium trek in support of the Irish rockers' new album No Line on the Horizon will be made today.

The shows will boast 360-degree audience configuration, ambitious staging and a cylindrical video screen.

"We're very excited about the idea to go on the road with this album," guitarist the Edge said. "It's an album that I think is going to translate so well to the live context. The songs we've tried in rehearsal are sounding fantastic, so that's got everyone really fired up."

U2 plans to stay on the road through the fall of 2010, playing between 90 and 100 shows. The tour is destined to become one of the highest-grossing tours ever.

"This is going to be completely different, and that's what makes it exciting — finding something new to bring to the touring culture," said the Edge. "It's hard to come up with something that's fundamentally different, but we have, I think, on this tour. Where we're taking our production will never have been seen before by anybody, and that's an amazing thing to be able to say. For a band like U2 that really thrive on breaking new ground, it's a real thrill."

Playing in a 360 configuration will increase the capacity by about 15-20 per cent, depending on the stadium. REUTERS

"This is going to be completely different."
Guitarist the Edge

Coolio in custody after drug arrest

MUSIC Grammy-winning rapper Coolio was arrested at Los Angeles International Airport on Friday on suspicion of possessing drugs, police said.

The 45-year-old rapper, whose real name is Artis Levon Ivey Jr, was taken into custody at an LAX terminal at mid-morning after he was found with the narcotics, a Los Angeles police spokeswoman said. The spokeswoman had no further details on the arrest but celebrity website TMZ reported that he was found with crack cocaine while going through security before boarding a Southwest Airlines flight.

Coolio

Coolio first gained fame in 1995 with the hit single Gangsta's Paradise and multi-million selling album of the same name. His follow-up albums have failed to match that success. The rapper has since appeared on several reality TV shows, including Celebrity Fear Factor, and hosted the online program Cookin With Coolio. REUTERS

Kimmel, Silverman part ways
Despite a reconciliation that gave them both cause for laughs, late-night talk-show host Jimmy Kimmel, 41, and comedian Sarah Silverman, 38, have split, a source confirms to People. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrities drop out

Dance show looks for replacements

Dancing with the Stars producers scrambled on Friday to find two swift replacements for tonight's season premiere after singer Jewel and celebrity journalist Nancy O'Dell dropped out with injuries.

The hit ABC show said it would not reveal the replacements until the eighth season kicks off tonight.

But celebrity news sites said former Playboy model Holly Madison was expected to be one of them.

Madison, 30, was Playboy founder Hugh Hefner's "number one girlfriend" and starred in the U.S. TV reality show The Girls Next Door before ending her relationship with Hefner last year.

"She's wanted to do it for so long," Madison's friend Bridget Marquardt told the Fox News Strategy Room discussion show.

"It just never worked with her schedule and Hef was always like 'I don't want you to do that,' and now it's her time, so I'm really happy for her," Marquardt said.

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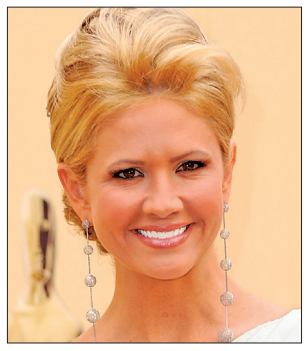


Dancing with the Stars hopes to find alternates for Jewel, left, and Nancy O'Dell before the ABC show's season premiere tonight.

ABC said that Jewel, a Grammy-winning singer, had to leave the show after suffering a fractured tibia in each leg.

O'Dell, a journalist from the celebrity news show Access Hollywood, was sidelined with a torn meniscus in her knee. Both contestants suffered the injuries in practice.

There was no news Friday on who might replace O'Dell.

Former Playboy models have appeared on Dancing with the Stars in the past. Last season's champion, model and host Brooke Burke, once stripped down for Playboy as did former contestant Kim Kardashian and 1980s pop singer Belinda Carlisle, 50, who is one of the stars in the upcoming season.

Dancing with the Stars, based on the British program Strictly Come Dancing, is one of the most-watched shows on U.S. television after American Idol. It drew about 19 million viewers per episode last season.

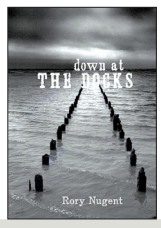
REUTERS

In the shadow of an older sibling

The Local **News**

Author: Miriam Gershow
Publisher: Spiegel & Grau
Price: $27.95 (Hardcover)

Siblings Lydia and Danny Pasternak are on opposite ends of the adolescent spectrum. Lydia is the brains and Danny's the brawn, which places Lydia in her brother's shadow and attracts the disdain of his popular friends. When Danny disappears, it's Lydia who takes the spotlight as a media darling expected to sing her brother's praises. However, the exposure, along with the hints that arise to explain Danny's disappearance, affect Lydia's life in a way she couldn't have imagined, changing her course as she learns to cope with loss.



Down at **the Docks**

Author: Rory Nugent
Publisher: Random House
Price: $27.95 (Hardcover)

Rory Nugent turns the Moby Dick-famed town of New Bedford, Mass., on its head with Down at the Docks, a realist take on an oft-idealized city. From observations on crime and the drug trade to interventions by government and modernization, Nugent clashes the contemporary with the classic to portray the town he called home for 17 years. Through colourful characters like lesbian bar owner Charlene and Mako, the son of a fisherman who follows in his father's footsteps, Nugent reinvents New Bedford for a new generation.

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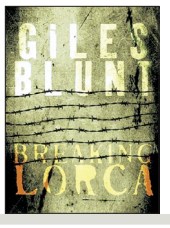

Breaking **Lorca**

Author: Giles Blunt
Publisher: Random House
Price: $29.95 (Hardcover)

Windsor, Ont., novelist Giles Blunt tells an exceedingly relevant tale of torture in Breaking Lorca, set against the backdrop of the 1980s Salvadorian civil war. Victor Peña cheats death when his army captain uncle liberates him from a court martial. In order to survive, intellectual Victor is placed in a torture unit where he must aid in obtaining information from detainees. That's where he encounters Lorca, a girl being maltreated for her presumed guerilla sympathies. Victor's unable to save Lorca from abuse without compromising himself, but when he escapes El Salvador, he sets out to find the girl in an attempt to atone for his actions. **BRIAN COULTON/ FOR METRO CANADA**

In **brief**

ACCUSED Amy Winehouse has been charged with assault following an incident last year, her spokesman said Friday. **REUTERS**

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	522	506	44 HIS	NCIS "UnSEALed" (CC)		Battle 360 "Call to Duty"		Battlefield Mysteries (CC)		NCIS "UnSEALed" (CC)		Sea Hunters
	627	528	45 SPC	Sarah Connor Chronicles		Stargate SG-1 "Tangent"		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Voyager (CC)		Star Trek: Ent.
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Little Mosque on the Prairie
We've all been there, haven't we? What looks like an effective new way to do things turns out to be not such a great idea after all. But going back to the way things were is often easier said than done. In this new episode, Baber (Manoj Sood) sets up a separate women's entrance to the mosque. After he changes his mind, however, he finds he can't undo what he's done. Zaib Shaikh and Carlo Rota also star in "Baber Makes an Entrance." 8 PM on CBC

Dancing With the Stars
Thirteen new stars — including Olympic gold medalist Shawn Johnson, 17, the youngest competitor ever — team with professional dancers to train and compete in the eighth season of this hit ballroom dancing contest. Among the other footloose celebrities: singers Jewel, paired with Dmitry Chaplin, and Lil' Kim, partnered with Derek Hough; actor David Alan Grier, dancing with Kym Johnson; and rodeo star Ty Murray (Jewel's hubby), with Chelsie Hightower. 8 PM on ABC VI

Foxx likes to make an entrance

Some folks like to make an entrance, and Jamie Foxx is one of them. The Oscar winner supposedly has his people call ahead whenever he's set to go out to a bar or restaurant because he wants to make sure he's noticed, Hollywood insiders tell Metro. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Least restrictive order for Brown: Court

COURTS Although the court slapped Chris Brown with among the least restrictive of protective orders, Rihanna does have the means to gather evidence against him if he causes trouble, people.com reports. She may tape record conversations with the R&B singer.

Brown, 19, who was charged Thursday with two felonies in the alleged beating of girlfriend Rihanna, 21, is barred from exhibiting a host of bad behaviors toward Rihanna, with whom he has reconciled.

According to the protective order, signed by the Superior Court commissioner on Thursday and served on Brown in court, he may not "harass, strike, threaten, assault (sexually or otherwise), follow, stalk, molest, destroy or damage personal or real property" of Rihanna's.

He also may not "disturb the peace, keep under surveillance or block movements" of her, and must get rid of any guns he may have by surrendering them to police or selling them to a licensed dealer within 24 hours. And he cannot "dissuade or prevent" anybody from attending a hearing or making a report to police.

Under the order, however, he is allowed to contact Rihanna in person or by telephone, and there are no limitations to how physically close he may be to her.

The only restriction checked on the form is the box reading: "The protected persons may record any prohibited communications made by the restrained person."

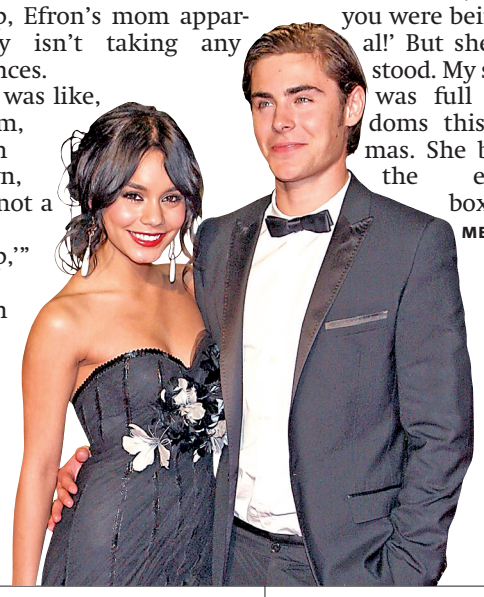
The order expires in March 2012, people.com adds. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Efron's mom frets over 'sexual' photos

RELATIONSHIP After photos surfaced of Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens in the adult section of a costume shop, Efron's mom apparently isn't taking any chances.

"I was like, 'Mom, calm down, it's not a sex shop,'" the High School Musical star tells Elle magazine.

"She wouldn't have any of it. She's like, 'I knew you were being sexual!' But she understood. My stocking was full of condoms this Christmas. She buys me the economy box." METRO NEWS SERVICES



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M.I.A. maintains privacy

BABY NAME To those Internet reports claiming M.I.A. named her three-week-old boy Ickitt, the rapper responds: Ick!

In a humorous message on her MySpace Celebrity Blog, the Paper Planes songstress shot down the rumours while poking fun at a few of the more unique names bestowed upon certain celebrity kids, people.com reports.

"My baby is not called Ickitt, Pickit or Lickit thank you very much," she writes. "He's a baby, he don't need press!"

Explaining that she doesn't consider her son's name to be newsworthy information, M.I.A., 31, says she'll be back with something for her fans soon. "'Til then go pick on Apple, Satchel and Moon Unit," she suggests.

Her son, born Feb. 11, is the first child for M.I.A., whose given name is Mathangi Arulpragasam, and her musician fiancé, Benjamin Bronfman.

Memorably performing while pregnant at the Grammys last month, M.I.A. was also nominated for an Oscar for her song O Saya, from best picture Slumdog Millionaire. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Spears helps charity

PEOPLE After rolling into Miami, Britney Spears' Circus Tour featured a sideshow for a worthy cause, people.com reports.

The pop star paid a visit to 40 sick children at Miami Children's Hospital on Saturday. "She took pictures with the kids and gave them autographed pictures," hospital spokesperson Cristene Martinez tells People. "The kids were so excited to meet Britney, and having her here was a great distraction for them."

She also made a donation to the hospital's Big Apple Circus Clown Care program, which features clowns who have medical training who visit the young patients on a regular basis, as well as attend special events at the hospital.

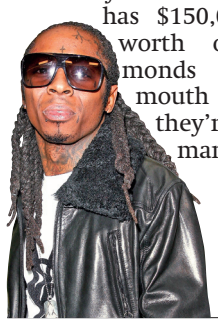
Spears, 27, who did not have her own children with her, stayed about a half hour, then left with her bodyguard to prepare for her show at the America Airlines Arena. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Lil Wayne brushes often

IMAGE Rap star Lil Wayne's diamond teeth have turned the hitmaker into an obsessive compulsive — he brushes them morning, noon and night, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The flamboyant star has gems fixed to his teeth and cannot remove them, so he's careful what he eats and always takes care to brush them after every meal.

Lil Wayne estimates he has $150,000 US worth of diamonds in his mouth — and they're permanent. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Gyllenhaal's new buff physique

NEW ROLE Jake Gyllenhaal wanted to be ready for anything in his next film Prince of Persia: Sands of Time, out next year. "I over-prepared myself because I never knew how much they were going to ask me to do, so I just made sure I'd be hopefully able to do anything," Jake said of his new physique. "I guess I've gotten buff." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Paris doesn't like diets

HEALTH Paris Hilton "doesn't like" diets, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The slender socialite isn't giving anything up for Lent — the Christian fasting period before Easter — because she hates being deprived of her favourite junk foods.

"I just don't think I could go for 40 days without something. If I did, I'd probably just give up chocolate and McDonald's. I've never tried to give up anything before. I don't like diets. My weaknesses are cotton candy and french fries," she said.

The 28-year-old blond star has also started planning ahead for Mother's Day, revealing she always does something special for her mom Kathy Hilton.

"It's Mother's Day in a few weeks, so I need to plan what I'm doing." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Holmes submits written confessions to Cruise

MARRIAGE Katie Holmes reportedly has to submit written confessions to husband Tom Cruise on a weekly basis to resolve conflict, according to the Mail Online.

"Katie has to confess to something as minor as forgetting to tell him she has met with a friend," says a source, who explains that the practice is laid out in the Scientology code.

"If she commits a transgression against the moral code of their marriage, she has to tell Tom in writing, giving full details of the time and place and what happened." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Lohan says she is maturing

PEOPLE Lindsay Lohan insists wants the world to know that she's maturing.

The 22-year-old actress, who is reportedly working on a third album, says her relationship with Samantha Ronson coincided with her toning down her party-girl lifestyle. "I've been doing this for so long and I've grown up really fast," Lohan says, according to Showbiz Spy. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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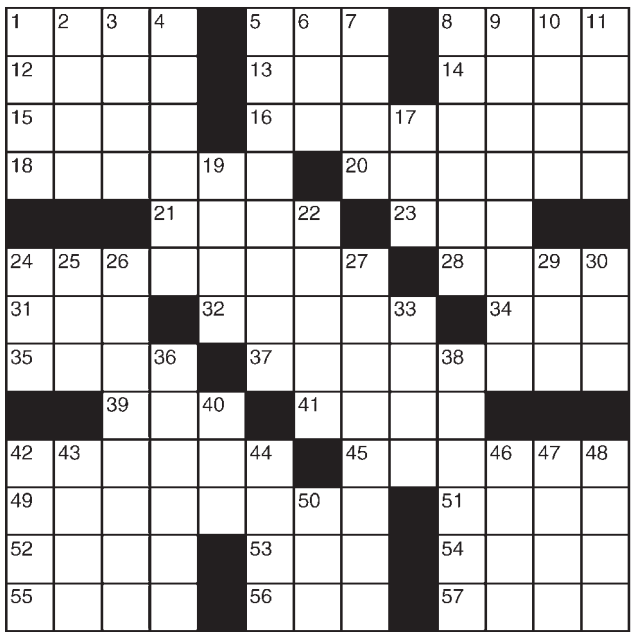

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Crossword across

1 Poker variety
5 Crooner Damone
8 Ellipse
12 Sci-fi's Skywalker
13 Leading lady?
14 Lima's country
15 Help in a crime
16 Greek
18 Tangy green condiment
20 Noble
21 Anatomical cavities
23 West of Hollywood
24 Sasha and Malia's mom
28 Men only
31 Tavern
32 Diarist Samuel
34 — -la-la
35 All over again
37 Wood-finishing substances
39 Homer's interjection
41 Cain's victim
42 Arouse
45 Arouse
49 "Holder" of a brief explanation
51 Guy
52 Reed instrument
53 Have a bug
54 Additionally
55 Swiss city
56 In medias —
57 Witnessed

Crossword down

1 Cabbage salad
2 Big brass instrument
3 Guitars' kin
4 Remove (from)
5 Planes, trains and automobiles
6 "— Got a Secret"
7 Honeycomb compartment
8 La Scala shows
9 Family feud
10 Seed covering
11 Historic sitcom star
17 Sellers co-star Herbert
19 Road Runner's sound
22 Omega's opposite
24 Biz deg.
25 Author Fleming
26 The U in "IOU"
27 Looks at intently
29 Joan of —
30 Petrol
33 Dispatched
36 Opposite of "improve"
38 South American herd
40"Whadja say?"
42 Nose-in-the-air sort
43 Tooth-paste dispenser
44 Bosc or Bartlett
46 Hardy cabbage
47 Otherwise
48 Night light?
50 Falsehood

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
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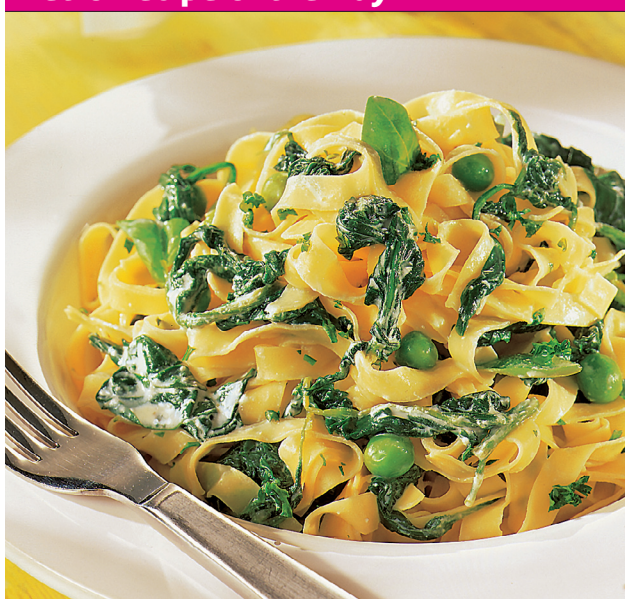

Tagliatelle with Green Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

1 bag (10 oz/300 g) baby spinach, thick stems discarded
3 1/2 oz (100 g) watercress, thick stems discarded
1 cup (250 ml) frozen peas
1 lb (500 g) tagliatelle
2 tbsp (25 ml) cornstarch
1 cup (250 ml) sour cream
4 tbsp (60 ml) chopped parsley
6 sprigs fresh basil, torn into pieces
Salt and fresh-ground black pepper

METHOD:

1. Rinse spinach and watercress and place in large pot with just the water clinging to the leaves. Cover and cook over medium heat, stirring and turning vegetables occasionally, 2 minutes or until wilting.
2. Add peas and heat through, uncovered, 2 minutes; there should be enough liquid in pot to cook peas. Tip greens and their liquid into bowl; set aside.
3. Cook pasta in large pot of boiling water over high heat until al dente, according to package directions.
4. Meanwhile, blend cornstarch and sour cream into smooth paste. Put into pot used for cooking vegetables and stir over medium heat until just bubbling. Stir in vegetables, parsley, basil, and salt and pepper to taste. Heat sauce through, then remove pot from the heat.
5. Drain pasta and add to sauce. Toss to mix.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A perpetrator makes you note what is said. Don't give up on your friends. A parent brings in fresh ideas.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A large man won't believe the truth. Stay out of a family squabble. Take special care with money issues.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A lunch date is expensive. Freedom from limits is established. Contact a friend who knows the details of a chance encounter.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You'll benefit from your past service. Chaos rules when the opportunity arises. Other people will behave oddly.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A woman teaches an excruciating lesson. The question of fairness erupts in real life. Use tact to solve mindless problems.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A colleague will play a childish trick. A dispute is brewing below the surface. A dark-haired man answers the call for a hero.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Don't go to a boring pity party. Mental activity can overwhelm you. Focus on your talent and make demands.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Lectures won't make anyone straighten up. Keep sane by challenging an investigation. It never helps to cry over spilled milk.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A moody man repays a good deed. Refuse to argue about reaching a settlement. Your wittiness incites hypersensitivity.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Be clear about your intentions. A detail-oriented person treats you right. A tyrant makes googly-eyes at you.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A broad-minded female works best for a sensitive project. A sympathetic man has good news. Complicated feelings arise while travelling.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Refuse to make a snap judgment. A lonely friend has deeply felt guilt. Thoughts of the past will give you pleasure.

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2. Heckle a whirling cartoon devil (1)
3. Pretend to be in agony (1)
4. Attractive New York or London (2)
5. Tightly hug elms and oaks (1)
6. More drenched one in the red (2)
7. Purpose of a place where two roads meet (2)

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ANSWERS
1. CELL BELL 2. RAZZ TAZ 3. FEIGN PAIN 4. PRETTY CITY
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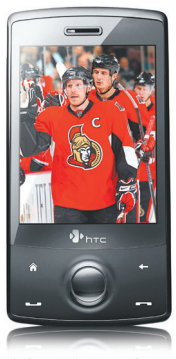

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